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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Associate Architect for New Headquarters Building.

1. On 21 March 1956 a meeting was arranged in my office between CIA representatives and PBS representatives to discuss our arrangements and procedures in connection with our new building. Mr. Fred Poorman, Deputy Commissioner of Public Buildings, headed the representation from the Public Buildings Service and requested a few minutes alone with me prior to bringing in other people. The purpose of this private conference was to advise me that the Republican National Committee had been extremely interested in the prior selection of the firm of deYoung, Moscowitz, & Rosenberg as associate architects with Harrison & Abramovitz on our building. Mr. Poorman said that he knew he was going to be asked by the Committee whether they could still be considered, and, if not, why not, etc. I told him that it was my position that inasmuch as deYoung, Moscowitz & Rosenberg had been associated with the unfortunate misunderstanding between ourselves and Mr. Peter A. Strobel (former Commissioner of Public Buildings) and all of the attendant publicity I would prefer that they not be considered. I also said that I did not believe it was advisable to have two New York firms working on this project and that if we were going to have an associate architect I thought (a) it should be someone entirely acceptable to Harrison & Abramovitz (probably under subcontract to them) and (b) it should preferably be a local firm, and, if possible, a Virginian firm.

2. It was agreed that if the Republican National Committee approached him he would tell them that it was our position that we did not wish to consider the firm of deYoung, Moscowitz & Rosenberg.

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